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Behold, God will not cast away a perfect Man, Neither will he uphold the evildoers.—Job 8:20.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

It is well for us to consider seriously the present economic condition of our nation, and to take steps to relieve those who are in unfortunate circumstances, as well as to work together on methods of preventing the recurrence of such extremes in the business cycle.

But it is useless to give way to pessimism and despair, and to worry over our difficulties; for that, really, is about all that is wrong with the country today. All we need is confidence enough to go ahead and build a new structure on the foundation which has remained unshaken through the economic storms.

In order to develop that necessary confidence, let's consider some solid facts which prove the strong position of the United States today. We quote from an editorial which appeared in a recent issue of Collier's Weekly under the title "Count Your Change."

"There's no argument in this editorial. It's merely a collection of facts, incontrovertible, eloquent facts that confound those who profess to see America slipping down into a state of effortless despair.

"America's mutual savings bank deposits are $1,233,000,000 higher than they were at the peak of the boom three years ago.

"Total bank savings today exceed $29,000,000,000, equal to more than $1,000 for every family in the land.

"Savings depositors number 52,000,000, nearly two per family.

"The number of Americans owning stock has increased almost 40 per cent since 1929.

"A group of 102 companies which had 5,539,036 stockholders at the end of the boom year had 7,675,143 stockholders at the beginning of this year.

"One company alone today has over 665,000 stockholders, a gain of more than 195,000 since the boom. This company (American Telephone & Telegraph) has assets exceeding $3,200,000,000.

"No other nation on the face of the earth can show such widespread ownership of money and stocks.

"Our total stock of gold is $4,000,000,000. No other country ever possessed so much. Britain, for example, has only $588,000,000.

"Currency in circulation aggregates $5,464,000,000 or $700,000,000 more than in the boom.

"A recent offering of $450,000,000 of U. S. Treasury securities elicited subscriptions totaling $4,196,296,700—more than nine times the amount offered.

"Last year $16,500,000,000 worth of new life insurance was written.

"Total insurance now carried is estimated at $100,000,000,000, or not far short of $1,000 for every man, woman and child in the United States.

"Policies in force total 127,800,000.

"One company alone (Metropolitan) has in force many more policies (44,520,810) than there are families in America.

"Such safeguard, such security is enjoyed by the people of no other nation in the world.

"Our total national wealth, estimated at $329,700,000,000, is greater than that of a dozen Continental European countries combined.

"The income of the American people comfortably exceeds $1,000,000,000 a week.

"The per capita income here is far greater than in any other land.

"There are still six or seven persons gainfully employed for every person idle.

"Foreigners owe American investors approximately $18,000,000,000. In addition, foreign governments owe our government $7,000,000,000 and we are still selling abroad more than we are buying.

"No fewer than 25,800,000 automobiles are owned by Americans—almost one for every family.

"This total is almost three times the number owned by all the rest of the world.

"Americans possess far more telephones (19,500,000) than all other countries put together.

"Radios continue to multiply. The latest authoritative computation puts the total at over 16,545,000, representing an investment of more than $1,000,000,000, also a record unapproached by any other people.

"How many new domestic mechanical refrigerators have been bought, would you guess? A grand total of fully 3,750,000, at an estimated expenditure approaching $2,000,000,000. And most of these have been installed in the last three years. In no other part of the globe do half as many homes enjoy such luxury—Americans are rapidly coming to regard it as a necessity.

"America has more home owners than any other nation.

"A recent survey of 29 typical small towns revealed that 71 per cent of the inhabitants owned their homes, that 88 per cent had electric lights, 72 per cent had baths, 51 per cent had electric washers, 55 per cent had radios, 41 per cent had vacuum cleaners.

"There are more families in America than in any other land that can afford to and do send their children to high school and college.

"In no other land do so many average families have the means to enjoy foreign travel.

"Expansion in airplane travel — the most costly of all common forms of overland transportatin—has been greater here than abroad during recent times.

"The theater of the masses, the movie, still attracts a weekly average attendance of 75,000,000.

"Our so-called national "luxury" bill is still away up in the billions a year.

"It took a billion and a quarter pounds of candy to satisfy our sweet tooth in 1931—no decrease from the 1929 total.

"The percentage of our agricultural population who, despite deflation, are acquiring domestic comforts, conveniences, labor-saving devices, improved machinery, the use of better roads, is constantly increasing.

"Today more than 700,000 farms are electrified, representing an increase of 400 per cent in eight years, and the total is being swelled rapidly.

"In industrial communities hard manual toil is being steadily abolished by the introduction of machinery. Each American worker now has at his command five horsepower, a record not even remotely approached outside our boundaries.

"The average working-day a generation ago was ten to twelve hours. The standard in this generation is eight hours, with the trend running towards a still shorter work-day.

"The work-week used to consist of six (even seven) days. Now it is five and one half days, with the five-day week coming into vogue.

"America has always recovered from periods of depression and pressed forward to new heights of prosperity.

"Never in the past was America so well equipped as it is today to resume an epochal forward march. Not only have we changed from a debtor nation to the greatest creditor nation on earth, not only have we vaster national wealth, not only have we an unprecedented supply of gold, but we are richer in experience, richer in inventive brains, richer in scientific knowledge, richer in machinery, richer in productive facilities, richer in managerial skill, richer in discovered mineral and oil resources, richer in transportation facilities by land and air and water, richer in every material wealth-creating product and process, richer in craftsmanship, richer in everything."

OUT OUR WAY — By J. R. Williams

Other Papers Say:

SALARIES OF RAILROAD PRESIDENTS

How much salary should a railroad president get? That is a hard question to answer, particularly at present when all railroads are failing to earn decent percentage on their investment and most of them have dropped dividends. The commerce commission reports what these salaries are. The highest, for Pennsylvania, which is the biggest system in the country is $135,000. This must represent a 10 per cent cut which most roads have imposed on all ranks of employes. There are many roads paying $90,000 a year, which evidently is a cut from $100,000. The Southern Pacific pays $90,000; Great Northern $60,000; Northern Pacific $50,000; Union Pacific $90,000.

It reads like big money; and it is big money. As a rule however these are big men who carry a tremendous load of responsibility. They have to take care of interests of shippers, have to satisfy the demands of employes, have to explain to stockholders why they can pay them big dividends, have to satisfy the interstate commerce commission, and the regulatory bodies of every state they operate in, have to keep on speaking terms with their bankers so money will come in for capital investment, have to deal gently with local chambers of commerce and learn to say no without causing offense, have to guard against competition by other roads, by trucks, water lines, etc. They have little domestic life because they are shunted around from one end of the system to another.

Railroad presidents do not get near the compensation of men in big industries. The president of the American Tobacco company gets near a million in salary and bonus. Pres. Grace of Bethlehem Steel was getting a million with his big bonus. These concerns are not responsible to the government and some of them never make it known even to stockholders what the executives get. When the going is good they get plenty.

Publicity of salaries of corporation executives would appear to be a wholesome thing where these corporations have large public ownership of stocks or where like utilities and railroads they are charged with a public responsibility.

Compared with salaries of public officials or with the incomes of small business the pay of these railroad presidents seems high; but if measured in terms of the responsibility carried and the compensation for men of similar grade in industrial companies the wages are not excessive. Doubtless many of the railroad presidents think they are overworked and underpaid the same as other employes.—Salem Statesman.

HUGH BRADY IN RACE FOR HIGH OFFICE

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commanders who are members of the local post are enthusiastic over his prospects for success. The candidate also has served as district commander.

Election to the head of the state legion organization would be a distinct honor for La Grande, making this city virtually the head of a large organization which extends throughout the state and which takes an important part in governmental affairs.

The election of department officers will be held at the state convention in Portland on Sept. 10, the Saturday prior to the opening of the four-day national convention on Sept. 12.

Nominate Delegates

Delegates to the state convention were nominated last night, however, Mr. Flanery states, the nominations will be open again at the next meeting on August 3, when the election will be held. Candidates, from which four delegates and four alternates will be elected, are Frank Flanery, W. E. Wilkins, Harley Richardson, Chester L. Thompson, Otis W. Palmer, Roy B. Currey, Hugh E. Brady and Hiram T. Smith.

Nominations of local officers also will be held the next meeting which will be a stag picnic at Riverside park.

Plenty of Snow Remains; Lakes Not Thawed Out

By Mrs. Wm. Wiggans
(Observer Correspondent)

LOSTINE (Special) — Lewis Crow and Virgil Goldsberry spent several days at the Crow cabin on the east fork of the Lostine river. They report plenty of snow and also that Mirror and Moccasin lakes were still frozen over, although the ice had started to break in several places. This condition is unusual for this time of year.

The M. Crow family and Mrs. Wm. Wiggans went to Enterprise Tuesday to hear the Philharmonic choir and the Willamette string quartet, in a concert appreciated by a large audience. Mr. Crow's son, Melvin, is a member of the group. They have been on a month's tour of the northwest and have been well received. They are traveling in an overland bus.

Mr. and Mrs. George Neil, of Emmett, Ida., have been spending a few days at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Lester Emmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dryden and Bud Hesket, of Milton, attended the funeral of their old friend, H. N. Williams.

Mrs. Anna Allen is visiting her son, C. L. Allen, and other relatives during her vacation.

Mrs. D. L. Robinson and son, who have been picking cherries at The Dalles, have returned home and moved into the house recently vacated by C. W. Crane.

A number of tourists as well as local people have been camping on the South fork. Among them are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wirtman, of Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bergin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker and Dave, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Merrill, of La Grande. They called on Mrs. Wiggans on their way out.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gray and Miss Willa Gray returned to Bend Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Gray visited friends in Enterprise while Miss Willa was the guest of Wythel Downs.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Crow, Mrs. S. M. Crow and Virgil Goldsberry, of Turlock, Cal., spent a day last week at Buckhorn Springs.

Warren Scott has returned from a visit with his aunt, Mrs. Amanda Parsons, at La Grande.

Miss Evelyn Jones has returned to The Dalles after a few days' visit with Miss Ruth Leonard.

Miss Helen Leonard was quite ill last week.

George Emmons, of Baker, has been visiting his brother, Lew Emmons.

Mrs. Wallace LeRoy and sister, Margaret Whitehead, were called to Portland by the serious condition of their father, Charles Whitehead, who had been run down by a freight engine. He is getting along fine now and Mrs. LeRoy has returned home.

Mrs. William Hood and daughters, of Milton, are here for a few days' visit.

While watching the fireworks at Wallowa lake on the Fourth, Miss Ruth Reed was struck by an explosive which injured her leg quite badly. Several stitches were taken and medicine given to counteract the effects of the powder.

The Christian Ladies' aid meets for work at the church each Tuesday. This week they cleaned and painted the benches and placed them in the new church. Rev. Mr. Swander, of Portland, will be here the 24th to dedicate the new church. Sunday school will be held in the new building Sunday.

O. J. Peley drove up to Lapover cabin Saturday evening and Sunday morning hiked to Minam lake to lower the headgate to hold water for the second irrigation. This is a yearly trip for Mr. Poley, who is interested in several irrigation companies.

Mrs. M. Crow entertained six members of the Willamette university choir, which visited Enterprise Tuesday evening. Her son, Melvin, was one of the group.

Johnny Weaver, of Centralia, Wash., is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. William McFetridge this week.

Mrs. Clarence Nolan and Mrs. Sanford Chapman were shopping in La Grande Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Magill are enjoying a visit from their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Magill, of Chicago, who arrived Saturday. Mr. Magill drove out to La Grande to meet them.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Allen and daughter, Neil, drove to La Grande last week, where they met Harley Allen, who came home for a short visit. While here he went with some friends on a fishing trip to the high mountain lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Winder and Donald Ranes have returned from Idaho where they went looking for a location. Mr. Winder is interested in a mining project and will return when the water goes down.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitley and her mother, of Walla Walla, spent their vacation visiting relatives here. Harold Whitley remained with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Cook.

J. H. Thompson returned to Emmett, Ida., this week after a visit with his daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Chapman, and son, Arley.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw left this week for Council, Ida., where they will live.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Crow, Lewis and Mrs. Dean Crow went to La Grande Sunday where they met Miss Esther Crow, of Berkeley, Cal., coming home for her first visit in several years. She will be here until August first, when she will return to enter a hospital to take nurse training.

Virgil Goldsberry has returned to his home at Turlock, Cal., following a visit with his sister, Mrs. Dean Crow.

The wind storm of Saturday night caused much damage. About two tons of hay were lifted out of a stack in the Floyd Hammack field and put down in the Wayne Wade field. Several trees were blown over and other damage done.

Jean Williamson has been ill of pneumonia.

THREE HURT IN ACCIDENT

ROSEBURG, Ore., July 14 (AP) — Phillip Hult and two children, Theodore, 11, and Margaret, 15, of Tillamook, were injured last night in an automobile accident at Rice hill, 25 miles north of Roseburg. Mr. Hult is in a critical condition from internal injuries.

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We sometimes see a friend possessed of talent, but never of judgment.—La Rochefoucauld.

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U. P. ORDERED TO SHOW WORK SHEET

Must Support its Claims of $200,000 a year Revenue Losses

SEATTLE, July 14 (AP)—Testimony in the move by Oregon grain growers to obtain half a million dollars reparations from railroads was to be continued here today before the interstate commerce commission rate hearing.

The growers are seeking reparations on the ground the original shipments were to Portland and should have carried the lower intrastate rates set by the state railroad commission.

In an effort to sustain the carriers' contention the grain was subject to interstate rates, attorneys for the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company submitted testimony and exhibits to show cost of the grain from the state's interior entered export trade.

C. W. Meador, investigator for the roads, said in one instance he knew of, the grain buyer charged the grower rates on the basis of the higher interstate rates, although the carrier charged the intrastate rate.

The attorneys said the purpose of the testimony was to show the chaotic conditions due to differences in interstate and intrastate rates must be remedied.

SEATTLE, July 14 (AP) — The Union Pacific system Wednesday was ordered to submit work sheets and data to support its claims of $200,000 a year revenue losses under the interstate commerce commission grain rates now held in abeyance by the United States supreme court.

The commission's examiners, George Hall and Arthur Mackley, in Seattle from Washington, D. C., for one of a series of grain rate hearings, ordered the railroad to submit its data, after a spirited debate at yesterday's session.

The order came after H. E. Lounsbury, general freight agent for the Union Pacific, had echoed demands of other transcontinental lines for a 20 per cent increase over the rates now held in abeyance. The increase would bring grain rates about 4 per cent above the present rates.

Statement Challenged

Lounsbury's statement that the Union Pacific would lose $150,000 a year in grain rates and $50,000 a year to certain free transit privileges which would prevail, was challenged by Arthur Geary, representing the northwest wheat ranchers.

Competition of intercoastal grain steamers and the short haul rate controversy was brought up. Lounsbury asked relief for the transcontinental lines from the I. C. C.'s rule which requires a uniform rate on a commodity all along the line between two long haul points.

He was willing that the transcontinental rate be left untouched in competition with the steamship carriers but asked that the railroads be permitted to vary rates on short hauls.

LEAGUE PLEADS WITH SHOUP

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14 (AP) — Frank H. Buck, president of the California Growers' and Shippers' league, has informed Paul Shoup, president of the Southern Pacific railway, that California growers and shippers of fresh fruits were willing to permit railroads to increase the time of transit if carriers will agree to reduce freight rates.

The league last month asked railroads for an emergency reduction in freight rates from $1.73 to $1.44 per hundred pounds. Shoup had indicated there was little possibility of granting the request.

"The situation has become so desperate for growers and shippers of the state's fresh fruits that we are willing to offer almost any sort of a concession in order to make possible continuance in business," Buck said.

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GOV. ROOSEVELT CHANGES PLANS

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Roosevelt complained of sore arms because he has grown unaccustomed to the kick of a yacht's wheel.

"But," he added, "it was great fun."

The governor was "not surprised" to hear that Canada and the United States had reached an agreement on negotiations for the St. Lawrence river development.

"I understand from the New York power authority," he said, "that it was to be advised by the state department when negotiations were completed for a treaty."

Roosevelt late last week suggested to President Hoover a personal conference between the two executives to clear the way for the St. Lawrence negotiations. The president turned down the proposal.

Knowledge

Nature has given us the seeds of knowledge, not knowledge itself—Seneca.

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